

#	Item		Action
		<p>Culloden Academy Parent Council Meeting - virtual 21st June 2021, 7pm</p>	
1	Welcome	<p>Present: Duncan McDonald - Chair Jeni Alexander - Deputy Chair Ally Hill - Secretary Dr James Vance - CA Head Teacher</p> <p>Evelyn Gray, Neil Hillyard, Kirsten Petrie, Pip Sharp, Will MacRae, Gaynor Rodgers, Lewis Day, Catherine Bunn, Dawn Gilles, Graham Hopper, Tracey Lambert.</p>	
	Apologies	<p>Carolyn Caddick - Councillor Trish Robertson - Councillor Lisa Thomson - Treasurer Lesley Henderson</p>	
2	Previous Minutes	<p>Previous meeting minutes for 29.03.2021 were presented: Approved by James Vance and Seconded by Duncan McDonald</p>	
3	Headteachers Report	<p>Undoubtedly my strangest year in education. Your young people have been amazing, your support has been invaluable and collectively we have not only made it to the end but have made progress and delivered education and qualifications which keep our young people moving forward. On behalf of the staff, can I thank the Parent Council for the boxes of chocolates which were very much appreciated. This morning we said goodbye to our S6 pupils and that was tinged with sadness as whilst the results were good for many it is not the departure we had hoped for- hopefully Prize Giving and Graduation will be back next session. S4 and S5 pupils also received their provisional results and this afternoon we began the process of supporting those who have not done as well as they had hoped to.</p>	

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<p>3</p>	<p>Head Teachers Report Contd.</p>	<p>1) Staffing. It's a busy time of year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Lomas finishes on Friday and the final interview for her replacement is this Wednesday. • Mrs Stewart is on maternity leave from Home Economics and so we tried three times to replace her. We have been unable to and have recruited an additional PE teacher Mr Brown to help run broad based HWB activities in S1-2 and prioritise the specialist teaching in S3 and above. • Mrs Cruden is on maternity leave and we have recruited another PE teacher to replace her- Mr Mackay. • Miss Carson has been appointed to a permanent position in the PE department. • Mrs Macintosh is on maternity leave and we have recruited someone on a one-year contract to replace her- Miss Doran. We also welcome a probationer to the department. • Mrs Domene has resigned from the Languages department and last week I reappointed a former colleague Mrs Henderson to the department. • Mrs Skinner has been appointed to a permanent position in the Technical department • Mr Hughes who started with us full-time in February is a permanent addition to the school. • We welcome a probationer to the Biology department in August • We welcome a probationer to the Social Subjects department in August • Mr Maclean has advised me that he has decided to bring forward his retirement by a year and he will leave this summer. I am keen that the CCFM service move quickly to make an appointment, but I have no influence over it. • We have been allowed to keep our 1.5 additional Guidance teachers for another session as part of the recovery of Scottish education. So too the primary teachers who work with some of our S1 and S2 pupils on a Monday. • I have advertised for a new Children's Services worker for one session as part of our PEF programme. This post will support helping children and families re-engage with learning after lockdown. • A Lyall begins a year long career break in August. We will welcome a probationer to the department to replace her in August. <p>Beyond that there are discussions about a partial improvement in our staffing allocation and I am thankful to Jeni for raising it with the authority and indeed with John Swinney. It appears you were listened to and I will keep you informed about progress.</p>	

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3	Head Teachers Report Contd.	<p>2) Planning for next session is in hand. The School Improvement Plan is written and since HC want it submitted by mid-September, next terms' meeting is a good time to share it with you. I have two versions of the school calendar ready to go- one which has the return of SQA Prelims and Final Exams and one which doesn't. Once the early August Guidance for schools is issued, we will be able to make decisions about these issues and parents' evenings and information evenings. What I really want is you back in the building to talk to staff and see what we do- the trials this year with online parents' evenings were- based on anecdotal evidence- not great. If forced to use them next session, we'll learn from the pilots this session, but I really hope that we can restore this aspect of our Pre-COVID world asap.</p> <p>3) A long-awaited report on Scottish education was released today. I haven't had a lot of time to read it, but the early headlines are that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CfE remains the correct direction for Scottish education but SQA is getting in the way of a successful outcome by warping the Senior Phase experience towards testing. • Need clarity of roles and responsibilities across the system- too many agencies getting in the way. • Simplify advice and policy management to give a clear message to the system as too many initiatives from too many sources impede progress. <p>Hence it was announced today that SQA is to be scrapped, Education Scotland to be fundamentally altered and HMIe to become independent.</p>	
		<p>4) Building works. After numerous meetings does all feel worth it however, after the news that additional funding may be secured this week, the modular accommodation works are proceeding on schedule, the toilets are being renovated, a new Muster point will also double up as outdoor basketball courts and I remain hopeful that another catering unit- like the Hungry Hut at IRA may be coming our way along with covering for some of our external areas to make it easier and nicer for young people to get fresh air throughout the session. The Stakeholder Group have worked hard for the school and if Thursday's Full Council approves the additional funding we can look forward to moving quickly to discussions about the extension for the school. I'll end at this point and ask if Jeni as Stakeholder Chair wants to add to that or if there are any questions.</p>	
	Questions to Dr Vance on report.	<p>Graham Hopper asked if there was any option of sharing a Home Economic teacher from other schools?</p> <p>JV - All HE teachers are fully employed by other schools so their is no option of sharing them between schools.</p>	

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	Questions to Dr Vance Cont	<p>Gaenor asked in terms of a Childs Plans, how is the consultation been done with parents, teachers and students going to be for the year ahead? How is the ASN (Additional Support Needs) in Culloden Academy?</p> <p>JV - Child Plans meetings are still taking place but virtually rather than physically, still following schedule of 6 monthly reviews.</p> <p>ASN, decisions on allocation for next school year has been pushed to October 2021, currently got the same level of support until review. JV has a meeting 22/6/21 with HQ arranged to organize urgent additional support for CA prior to October review.</p>	
4	Stakeholder Group update - Culloden Academy Extension	<p>Jeni Alexander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The stakeholder group wrote to Donna Manson but we are yet to receive a responses from her. ◆ Moving forward, lots of discussions regarding budgeting at the moment or lack off. Abstaining from making any comments to the press. 	
		<p>Ally Hill</p> <p>As a member of CAPC and the stakeholder group, I know as much detail as every other parent on the current situation of funding for the extension from reading press articles from all our local councillors. All of whom are missing from to-nights meeting. A lot of political games being played rather than us all working together for the benefit of the children, teachers and staff at Culloden Academy. Extremely disappointing.</p>	
5	Treasurers Report	<p>Duncan McDonald on behalf of Lisa Thomson: No transactions since our last meeting. The Bank Balance as at 29.03.21 = 1126.23 pounds</p> <p>Jane Gill agreed to audit the treasurer books prior to AGM</p> <p>Morven Reid agreed to take over the Treasurer position at AGM.</p>	
6	Chair's Report	<p>Duncan McDonald:</p> <p>Thanks to James Vance and all his staff for all their work in getting all the senior pupils through the test phase, feedback has been positive.</p>	
7	AOCB	<p>Dawn Gilles</p> <p>Just started as the DYW co-ordinator which is essentially aiming to engage with employers and getting them involved with the school, through visits, mentoring, enhancing work experience on offer etc.</p> <p>Graham Hopper - works for a large engineering company offered assistance. Will MacRae - works for a large telecommunications company offered assistance</p> <p>Date of next meeting 13 September. Postponed until 27th September 2021.</p>	